

Pointers when peer editing

I. Is there a title? Is it creative and not boring?

II. Introductions...

1. title of the work underlined!
2. author
3. hook: ask a question, set a scene, quote, or general-specific
4. have a clear thesis: In his work, Rose creates two very different characters in Juror 8 and Juror 3.

III. DON'T:

1. Use “you” or “I”
2. THIS PAPER IS GOING TO BE ABOUT
3. THIS PAPER IS GOING TO DISCUSS
4. “In this essay I am going to compare and contrast...”

IV. Body:

1. topic sentence—underline
2. transitions
3. text in every body paragraph
4. clincher statement

Example of body paragraph:

Juror 8 and Juror 3 differ in how they treat others' opinions. Juror 8 is very respectful of others. For example, in Act I, when Juror 3 is quieting Juror 10, 8 says, “Wait a minute. Let the man speak.” In contrast, Juror 3 shows respect for another’s opinion only if it is the same as his own. For example, in Act I Juror Four says, “The boy’s story is flimsy. He claimed he was at the movies. That’s a little ridiculous, isn’t it?” And since Juror 3 agrees with this, he answers, “”That’s right. Did you hear that? He’s absolutely right.” However, when he disagrees, he will insult that person. When Four tries to point out that it is possible there are two knives alike, Juror 3 shouts, “That is not possible! What are you trying to do?” Because of his inability to treat a different opinion with respect, there is no hope in arguing with Juror 3, for he never will hear what the other says. However, there is a chance to reason with Juror 8 because of his willingness to truly listen. Clearly, then, there is a vast difference in how these two men treat the opinions of others

Transition Words

Words that can be used to show **location**:

above	behind	by	near	throughout
across	below	down	off	to the right
against	beneath	in back of	onto	under
along	beside	in front of	on top of	
among	between	inside	outside	
around	beyond	into	over	

Words that can be used to show **time**:

while	first	meanwhile	soon	then
after	second	today	later	next
at	third	tomorrow	afterward	as soon as
before	now	next week	about	when suddenly
during	until	yesterday	finally	

Word that can be used to **compare** two things:

likewise	also	while	in the same way
like	as	similarly	

Words that can be used to **contrast** two things:

but	still	although	on the other hand
however	yet	otherwise	even though

Words that can be used to **emphasize a point**:

again	truly	especially	for this reason
to repeat	in fact	to emphasize	

Words that can be used to **conclude or summarize**:

finally	as a result	to sum up	in conclusion
lastly	therefore	all in all	because

Words that can be used to **add information**:

again	another	for instance	for example
also	and	moreover	additionally
as well	besides	along with	other
next	finally	in addition	

Words that can be used to **clarify**:

that is	for instance	in other words
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